









## The Modoc Stronghold.

At this time it may be interesting to reproduce the following description furnished by Mr. Jesse Applegate to an Oregon paper of the position occupied by the Modoc army of Capt. Jack:

"The word 'pedregal,' like the word 'canyon,' has been introduced into our language from the Spanish as designating a feature of the topography more clearly and tersely than any word or phrase in our language. As by the word 'canyon' the idea of a ravine between walls of rocks is conveyed to the mind, so by the word 'pedregal' we understand an irregular volcanic surface of basalt, trachyte, etc., more or less broken into upheavals from below, and cracked and fissured in the process of cooling. The stronghold of the Modoc Indians is a 'pedregal' of the most extensive and elaborate description; it occupies, with but few intervals, 100 square miles.

If you can, imagine a smooth, solid sheet of granite ten miles square and 500 feet thick covering resistless mines of gunpowder scattered at irregular intervals under it; that these mines are exploded simultaneously, sending the whole field into rectangular masses from the size of a match-box to that of a church, heaping these masses high in some places and leaving deep chasms in others. Following the explosion the whole thing is placed in one of Vulcan's crucibles and heated to a point when the whole begins to fuse and run together, and then suffered to cool. The roughness of the upper surface remains as the explosion left it, while all below is honey-combed by the cracks and crevices caused by the cooling of the melted rock.

From the top of one of these stone pyramids an Indian can shoot a man without even exposing a square inch of himself. He can, with due haste, load and shoot a common muzzle-loading rifle ten times before a man can scramble over the rocks and chasms between the slain and the slayer. If at this terrible expense of life a force dislodges him from his cave, he has only to drop into and follow some subterranean passage with which he is familiar to gain another ambush from whence it will cost ten more lives to dislodge him; and so on.

## Salary of Congress.

The compensation of members of Congress was first fixed by act of September 22d, 1789, which directed that until March 4, 1795, each Senator and member should receive \$5 for every day of attendance, and \$5 for every twenty miles of the estimated distance by the most usual road from his residence to the seat of Congress. In case of detention from Congress by illness, the allowance was to be continued. This act also provided that after March 4, 1795, each Senator should receive \$7 a day and \$7 for every twenty miles traveled. A new act, dated March 10, 1796, fixed the pay of members of both houses at \$5 a day and \$5 for every twenty miles traveled. On July 6th, 1797, a law was passed giving the above pay and mileage to the members of the extra session of that year. The next legislation on the subject was contained in an act making the pay of members of Congress \$1500 per annum, but this law was repealed February 6th, 1817. The law of January 22d, 1818, gave \$8 a day pay, and \$8 mileage for every twenty miles traveled. The next change was made by the act of August 19th, 1850, which fixed the pay at \$6000 for two years, and \$8 mileage for two sessions only. A few years ago the compensation of members of Congress was raised to \$5000 per annum, with mileage as before. The last Congress placed the pay at \$7500 per annum, without mileage, but actual traveling expenses are allowed; and this by a sort of 'double back-action'; movement, was carried back over both sessions of the last Congress, giving the liberal Congressmen about \$5000 extra a piece.

**AMUSING SCENE.**—There was an amusing scene on board the Louisiana mail boat the other day. There was the usual conglomeration of passengers in the cabin just before the boat landed; and amid the general hubbub of conversation a man remarked incidentally, "Now, in Jersey, where I live—

"Stranger, are you from New Jersey?"  
"Yes."  
"And willin' to acknowledge it?"  
"Yes, sir; proud on it."  
"Hurrin' give us your hand!" cried the old man, dancing with exultation. "I'm from New Jersey, too, but never felt like declaring it afore. Shakes! I'm an old man, I've traveled long and far. I've been in every city in the west—stambasted on the Ohio and Mississippi—been to California, over the plains, and around the Horn; took a voyage once to Liverpool; but in all my travels, hang me if this ain't the first time I ever heerd a man acknowledge that he kum from New Jersey."

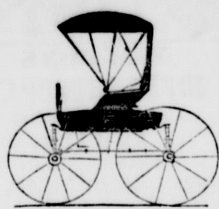
**THE BRIGHT SIDE.**—Look on the bright side. It is the right side. The times may be hard, but it will make them no easier to wear a gloomy, sad countenance. It is the sunshine, and not the cloud, that makes the flower. The sky is blue ten times where it is black once. You have troubles—so have others. None are free from them. Trouble gives sinew and life to life—fortitude and courage to life. That would be a dull sea and the sailor would never get skill, where there was nothing to disturb the surface of the ocean. What though things look a little dark? The lane will turn, and night will end in broad day. There is more virtue in one sunbeam than in a whole hemisphere of clouds and gloom.

A man, stopping his paper, wrote to the editor: I think folks ought to spend their money for paper; mi fac diddnt, and everybody else wi the intelligents man in the country, and had the smartest family of boys that ever dugged faters.

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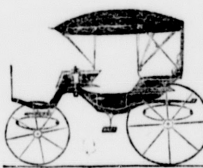
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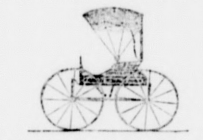


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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

New Castle Co., February 25th, 1873.  
UPON the application of Charles Tatman, Jr., Administrator of John C. Lippincott, late of St. Georges Hundred in said county, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters, in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle requiring all persons having demands against the Estate, to present the same, or affidavits by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the *Middletown Transcript*, a newspaper published in Middletown and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.  
B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Administrator on or before February 25th, 1874, or abide an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.  
CHARLES TATMAN, Jr., Administrator.  
mari-17m Address—Middletown, Del.

For SASSAFRAS RIVER.

THE steamer "TRIUMPHET" being now in complete order, will resume her trips on Saturday, the 1st of March, 1873, leaving Pier No. 5, Light street wharf, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 a. m., arriving in Georgetown at 4 p. m. Returning will leave Georgetown the alternate days at 8 a. m., arriving in Baltimore at 2 p. m.; touching at Buck Neck, Barnards, Betterton, Turner's Creek, Casaleys, Shallowater, and Fredericktown, going and returning.

We sincerely trust that the friendly relations hitherto existing between the steamer *Triumphet*, her patrons, and the public generally, may never grow less; for the perpetuation of which we will ever be found striving our very best.  
mari-17m WM. CUNDELL, Capt.

DELAWARE HOUSE,

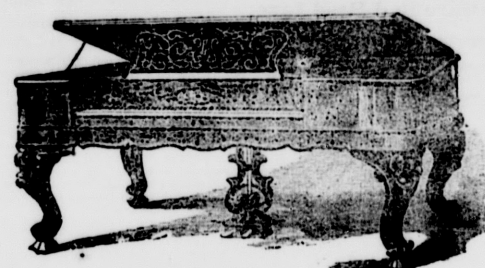
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Feb. 29—17

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Stoves of all kinds suitable for Stores, Offices, Bar-rooms, and School Houses. Also, the Morning Glory and the Oriental, both unsurpassed in beauty and efficiency. They can be seen in operation at the store of the proprietor. All sizes of Bar-room Stoves and Ten-plate Stoves required at short notice.

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Register's Order.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

New Castle County, April 14th, 1873.  
Upon the application of Letitia L. Green, Executrix of Victor Green, late of St. Georges Hundred in said county, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executrix aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters, in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same, or affidavits by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

LETITIA L. GREEN, Executrix.

Angus—Middletown, Del. Executors.

april 22—17

NOTICE.

Given under the hand and seal of O. G. Gibbs, Register, of the County of New Castle, County aforesaid, the day and year above written.  
B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTE.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the Executrix on or before April 14th, 1874, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.  
LETITIA L. GREEN, Angus—Middletown, Del. Executors.

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